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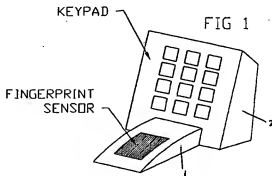
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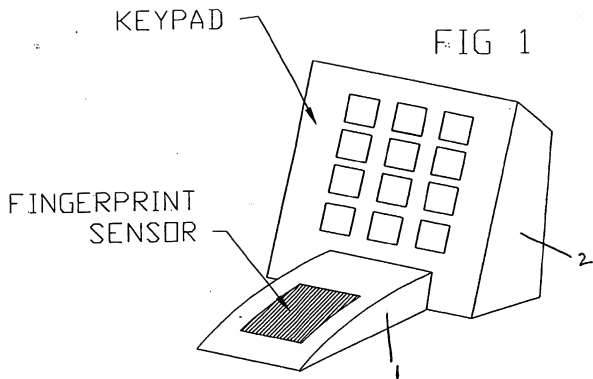
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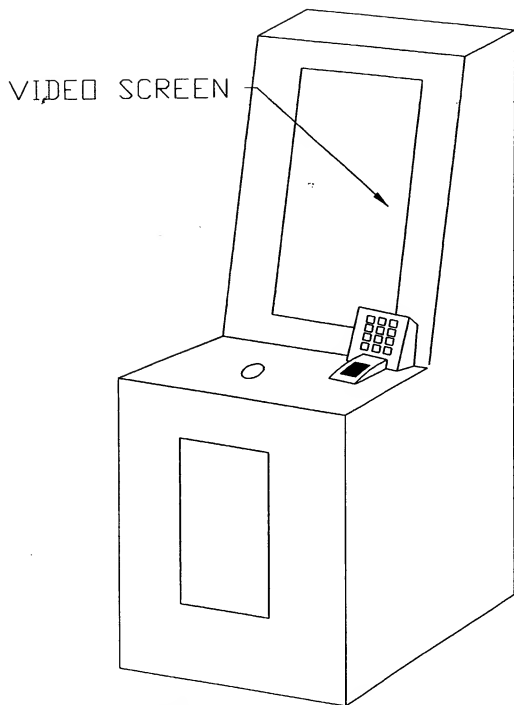
(54) Abstract Title: Amusement machine with player recognition

(57) A coin operated amusement machine is fitted with a finger print sensor 1. This enables the machine to recognise a previous player and allow an unfinished game to be continued. The machine can incorporate a keypad 2, for incorporation of a player's telephone number. This enables the machine to communicate with the player by voice or text message. The machine may be a fruit machine, a pin ball machine, a video game or a "skill with prize" machine (Figs 2-4, ns).



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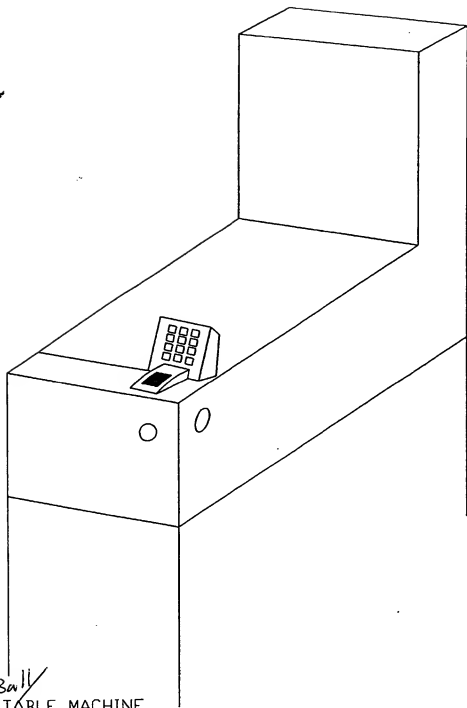




SWP, VIDEO OR SOFT
TERMINAL MACHINE

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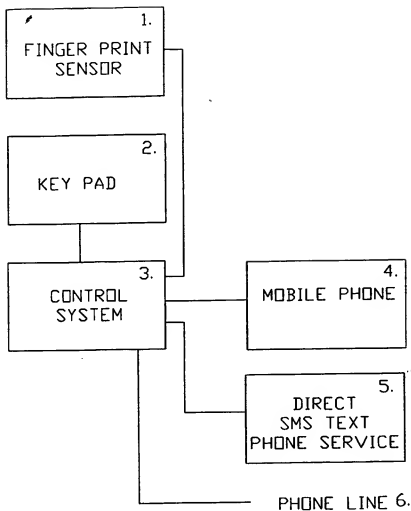
FIG 4



Bail
PIN TABLE MACHINE

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FIG 5



AMUSEMENT MACHINE
PLAYER RECOGNITION
SYSTEM EXAMPLE

AMUSEMENT MACHINE PLAYER RECOGNITION SYSTEM

This invention relates to a amusement machine player recognition system.

Amusement machines are well known and very popular they include machines such as:- fruit machines, Skill with prize machines, Pin Tables, Video games and novelty games. These games are not able to recognise the players who play on them. This invention allows the machine to recognise a player by his or her fingerprint and link that fingerprint to a phone number for further contact by phone or text message. This allows the machine to let a player continue where he or she left off in a previous game or reward a frequent players and other such features.

A specific embodiment of the invention will now be described by way of example with reference to the accompanying drawing in which:-

Figure 1 shows in perspective, The fingerprint sensor and keypad

Figure 2 shows an AWP with the sensor and keypad fitted.

Figure 3 shows an SWP/Video game/soft terminal with the sensor and keypad fitted

Figure 4 shows an PIN BALL/TABLE with the sensor and keypad fitted

Figure 5 shows an Amusement machine player recognition system example.

Referring to the drawing Fig.1 The Amusement machine player recognition system comprises of the following parts:-

1. Finger Print Sensor
2. Alpha/Numeric Keypad

The Person touches the sensor and it scans the fingerprint. a phone number is then punched into the keypad followed by a pin number, nickname or other personal information.

Referring to the drawing Fig.2 the AWP with the Amusement machine player recognition system fitted:-

1. Fruit machine/AWP
2. Finger Print Sensor
3. Alpha/Numeric Keypad

A fingerprint sensor and keypad are located on the machine. Once registered the player will be recognised by the machine. He/she would be able to return to where they left off in a previous playing session. this has not been possible before. He/she can be contacted via text or phone.

Referring to the drawing Fig.3 the SWP with the Amusement machine player recognition system fitted:-

1. SWP/video game or soft terminal
2. Finger Print Sensor
3. Alpha/Numeric Keypad

A fingerprint sensor and keypad are located on the machine. Once registered the player will be recognised by the machine. He/she would be able to return to where they left off in a previous playing session. this has not been possible before. He/she can be contacted via text or phone.

Referring to the drawing Fig.4 The Pin Table with the Amusement machine recognition system comprises of the following parts:-

1. PinTable
2. Finger Print Sensor
3. Alpha/Numeric Keypad

A fingerprint sensor and keypad are located on the machine. Once registered the player will be recognised by the machine. He/she would be able to return to where they left off in a previous playing session. this has not been possible before. He/she can be contacted via text or phone.

Referring to the drawing Fig.5 The Amusement machine player recognition system example:-

1. Finger Print Sensor
2. Alpha/Numeric Keypad
3. Control system
4. Mobile phone
5. direct sms text service
6. phone line

The system would consist of the above components. the persons fingerprint is scanned at 1. the persons mobile/telephone number in input at 2. the control system 3. can contact the person by text message at 4. 5. or 6.

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CLAIMS

1. An amusement machine incorporating a player recognition system.
2. An amusement machine incorporating a player recognition system as in claim 1 that is coin operated.
3. An amusement machine incorporating a player recognition system as in claims 1 or 2 comprising keypad and mobile phone.
4. An amusement machine as in claim 3 that takes the form of a AWP amusement with prize (fruit machine or slot machine)
5. An amusement machine as in claim 3 that takes the form of a SWP skill with prize (skill with prize machine)
6. An amusement machine as in claim 3 that takes the form of a video game



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